Land Colonisation to relieve unemployment.

369. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they possess (undisposed of), in any part of Cochin (besides lands in backwater vicinities), cultivable lands suitable for colonisation by groups or individuals at reasonable cost;

(b) if so, where are they and what is the extent of such land available;

(c) what sort of cultivation is most suited to the areas available;

(d) can fruit and vegetable gardening be undertaken to any commercial extent in any of the areas available and if so, what fruits can be cultivated thereon;

(e) are there tracts available amongst them for the cultivation of sugar-cane;

(f) have the Government taken any steps to give relief to the middle class unemployed during the last two or three years?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

(a) Forest exclusions, Village Reserves, etc.

(b) Please see statement appended (*Appendix I.*)

(c) Ground nuts, vegetables, plantains, paddy, mango tree, jack tree, tamarind tree, etc.

(d) No. Not to any considerable extent, but mango trees, jack trees and plantains may, with advantage, be cultivated.

(e) No.

(f) The question is too vague to admit of a definite answer.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(f). Has the Government any objection in considering land colonisation schemes?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is no objection if definite proposals are made to the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Where is the vagueness?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is in the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to know where the vagueness about the question is?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government thought it was not quite clear.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have the Government any idea to start large scale agricultural farms in this land?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I do not know whether it is a supplementary question.

President.—That question is relevant.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is the Agricultural Farm at Ollukkara on a large scale.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will other agricultural farms be a factor to solve the unemployment?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government do not consider that it will solve the problem.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are not the Government aware that it will give employment to a large section of the labourers?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That itself will not solve the question.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there any conceivable method of giving relief to the unemployed middle class?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government have not come to any conclusion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly explain the statement that the starting of agricultural farms will not solve the problem and what steps the Government have taken,.....

President.—Question time is not for discussion.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there large tracts of land fit to be taken up for cultivation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The information is given with reference to another question.

Mr E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do the Government intend to utilise these lands for any economic purpose?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—They are being assigned to private persons under certain conditions and they are allowed to use them for cultivation purposes.

Educational Survey.

370. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of aided schools, classes and divisions closed or abolished since the beginning of the present academic year;

(b) the approximate number of teachers thrown out of employment;

(c) the approximate amount of grant saved thereby?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) 24.

6.

33.

(b) 31.

(c) Rs. 359—10-0 per month.

Filling up of a vacancy of a Sanitary Maistry's post at Trippunittura.

371. Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to question No. 369).

*Statement showing Forest exclusions lands, Village reserves, etc., available for assignment.

		acres.
Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk	...	210.77 ,,
Mukundapuram	..	2970.00 ,,
Trichur	..	4014.30 ,,
Talappalli	...	440.41 ,,
Chittur	..	349.14 ,,
Cranganur	..	..
		7984.62 acres

APPENDIX II—(a).

(Vide answer to question No. 372).

Name	Period of service under the Government	Service as Sanitary Inspector under the Government or in Municipality	Remarks
P. S. Ananthanarayana Ayyar ..	7 years	14 months (Municipality)	
K. V. Chakko ..	From Meenam 1101	4 months (Division Sanitary Inspector)	
T. G. Subramania Ayyar ..	26½ years	4 years (Municipality) was on plague duty on two occasions	
I. Radhakrishna Menon ..	About 1 year	22 days (Trichur Municipality)	
V. Iyankunji ..	7 years	Nil	
K. Manikka Menon ...	13 years	4 months (Plague Sanitary Inspector)	

APPENDIX II—(b).

Name	Service under Government	Experience as Sanitary Inspector in State Service	Remarks
K. V. Chakko ..	From Meenam 1101	4 months	
I. Radhakrishna Menon ..	About one year	Designated as Sanitary Maistry but doing the duties of an Inspector for nearly one year	
T. S. Dharmaraja Ayyar ..	Nil	2 months (5 years as Municipal Sanitary Inspector)	

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